

Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) Guide for Animals



EXPOSURE TO BATS EXPOSURE TO OTHER WILD ANIMALS Did the pet have DIRECT contact with a wild animal? Did any of the following occur? • Pet had direct contact with a bat **PEP Not Indicated** Yes NO OR • The bat was found where the pet had unsupervised access (house, yard, etc.) Report to VPH YES NO Unknown Low Risk High Risk Report to VPH Report to VPH Rodent, Rabbit, or Raccoon, Fox, Coyote, Skunk, or No PEP other Wild Carnivore Opossum Is bat available for PEP Not Indicated testing? Is the wild animal available for testing? YES NO Yes NO Hold PEP pending lab results Start PEP Hold PEP pending Lab Results Start PEP RABIES POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP) PET'S RABIES VACCINATION HISTORY TREATMENT **REGIMEN** Livestock* should be euthanized immediately. Dogs, cats, and ferrets should be euthanized **OR** Not currently vaccinated Euthanize vaccinated and isolated. Administer 1.0 ml rabies vaccine immediately and again in week 3 and week 8. Vaccinate** Isolate Strict isolation for 90 days. Currently vaccinated*** Administer 1.0 ml rabies vaccine immediately. Vaccinate Strict isolation for 45 days. Livestock* can be observed for 45 days. Isolate

^{*}Livestock is defined as cattle, horses, goats and sheep.

^{**}This option is ONLY available for cats, dogs and ferrets.

^{***}Dogs, cats and ferrets are considered currently vaccinated if they have been vaccinated within the last 12 months OR received 2 rabies vaccinations within 12 months of each other and have been vaccinated most recently with a 3 year rabies vaccine within the last 36 months. Livestock should be vaccinated in accordance with the *Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control*. http://www.cdc.gov/mmWR/PDF/rr/rr5702.pdf